

(c) whether the Government have issued any guidelines to the State Governments to take measures to implement the package plan for boosting agro-product; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made appropriate revision in October, 1992 in the interest rates of Pre-Shipment as well as Post-Shipment Credits. These rates have been kept under review by the RBI so that adequate credit is available to exporters at internationally competitive rates.

To make exports competitive, credit facilities under the following schemes of the RBI are extended :-

- (i) Pre-Shipment Export Credit in Foreign Currency
- (ii) Pre-Shipment Export Credit in Rupees
- (iii) Post-Shipment Export Credit in Rupee or in foreign currency
- (iv) Export Bill Rediscounting

The standing instruction from RBI requires the banks to achieve a minimum level of 12% of the Net Bank Credit to the Export Sector.

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) accords priority for extending refinance support to 100% Export Oriented Projects under horticulture (including vegetables, spices and floriculture), animal husbandry and sericulture. Further, automatic refinance facility upto a limit of Rs. 10 lakhs and refinance assistance on schematic basis upto SSI limits is provided.

(c) and (d) Credit facilities available for exporters are given wide publicity and the State Governments/Financial Institutions are informed about the same by the concerned agencies.

[Translation]

Use of Hindi

4401. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :-

(a) whether his Ministry has modern gadgets installed such as computer, telex, teleprinting etc. which are in Roman Script and these are being converted into bilingual;

(b) if, so the manner in which these bilingual gadgets likely to be put into use by the Ministry;

(c) the manner in which the use of Hindi is likely to be promoted.

(d) whether the Ministry has given exemption for use of Hindi to their offices located in Region 'A' where work has to be done cent per cent in Hindi; and

(e) if so, the reasons for giving such an exemption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Ministry of Coal is using the bilingual computers installed by National Informatics Centre. This Ministry is not using any Telex/Teleprinters at present.

(b) and (c) Stenographers and typists duly trained in Hindi have been deployed to operate the bilingual computers and to take out print-outs in Hindi and English, as per requirement. The availability of these bilingual gadgets promotes the quick production of materials in Hindi and thereby, its use, timely, properly, and as per set targets

(d) No Sir. Every year the Ministry circulates the Department of Office Language's 'Annual Programme' to all the offices, located in region 'A' and also requests them to achieve the targets laid down by the O.L. Department

(e) In view of reply on (d), question does not arise.

[English]

Control on the use of World Bank Loan

4402. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister for the STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the World Bank has started a giant audit exercise known as across the board review to cross-check on how India is using loan money;

(b) if so, the details of the exercise currently underway at Central and State level and present status of the progress made;

(c) whether such exercise is routine or initiated during the current year to exercise effective control on appropriate use of World Bank Loan;

(d) the details of the emerging trend in utilisation of World Bank Loan in India for development projects sector-wise and state-wise; and

(e) the details of follow up action taken on the common shortcomings noticed in the past in utilisation of World Bank Loan ?